GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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IDENTIFICATION OF BACKWARD DISTRICT
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared some new guidelines to identify backward districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (

(c) the time by which these guidelines are likely to be issued?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER O STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): No new guidelines have been prepared for identification of `backward districts` per se in the country. However, the Working Group on rural poverty alleviation programmes for the formulation of the Tenth Five Year Plan had desired that a Task Force be set up to identify districts where wage and self- employment programmes could be implemented in a focused manner. The Ministry of Rural Development has accordingly set up the Task Force.